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Products and Production

- 1. Although the old Skoda/Doudlevce factory formerly manufactured large electric motors, generators and transformers, at present (October 1951) these products are manufactured exclusively in the new 'Gigant' building.
- 2. The old factory now (October 1951) manufactures mainly switchgear as well as small electric motors (of the usual normal type and design) and instruments, such as voltmeters, ammeters, wattmeters and recording instruments.
- 3. Switchgear is manufactured in a very large building which was formerly the shop and assembly area for turbogenerators. Switchgear is of the outdoor and indoor type. They are all compressed air operated and appear to be copies of German and Swiss switchgear, although the design is about twenty years old and is obsolete. Indoor sizes are 600. 1200 and 2000 amores (middle tension voltage is 10,000 volts). Interrupting capacity is only 400 MVA, not suited to demands of up-to-date power stations. The Czechs are making great effort to obtain designs for switchgear with an interrupting capacity of 600-800 MVA. Outdoor type switchgear are similar to the German firm which collaborated closely with Czech firms during World Wer II. Production of the switchgear plant is about 800-1000 units yearly.

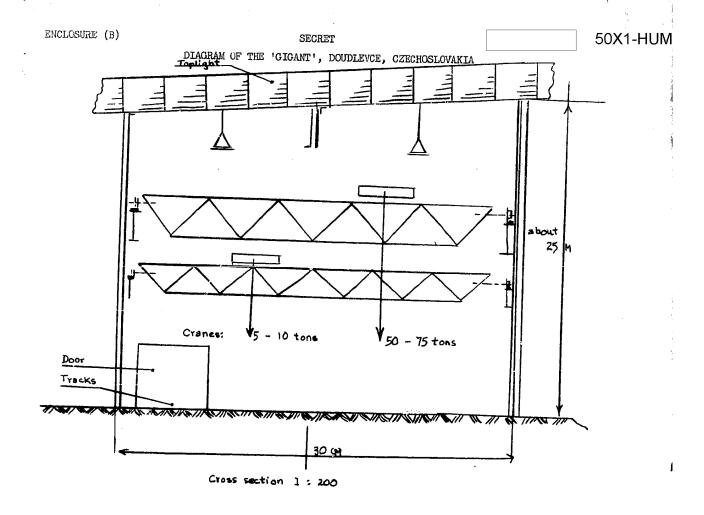
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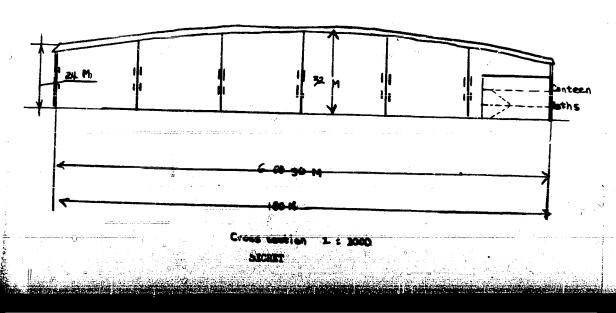
- 4. The new factory (Gigant) will manufacture only electric motors and generators of large output end transformers above 5000 NVA capacity. Average capacity of Gigant plant per day is 10,000 KVA, including all electrical equipment.
- 5. Although three shifts were planned at Gigant, only one shift was working in October 1951 with only approximately 40% of personnel. There is a heavy shortage of copper and other construction metals which will prevent the achievement of scheduled annual output. This shortage appears to be of long duration. However, because other electrical equipment factories are overloaded, it appears that the reason that Gigant is not in full operation is due to other than the shortage of copper.
- 6. At Gigant Diesel locomotives are assembled for USSR in one third of the building separated by a wall. This seems to be a permanent activity although it has nothing to do with electric equipment production.

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